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Thursday, 12 February 1953

1. We thought we had sufficient funds left from the \$750,000 to air-condition the temporary buildings we are to acquire shortly. However, further investigation indicates that we have only \$98,000 left. Estimated costs of air conditioning the newly acquired buildings are \$226,000--we are \$128,000 short. I will pursue this with Messrs. Saunders and Houston and make recommendation as to how we should proceed.

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2. [] telephoned to say that he noted that a letter from the Secretary of the Army concerning the resignation of [] had been referred to the DD/A for preparation of reply; no reply is necessary.

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3. I told [] that we had agreed with his proposed draft of functions for Commercial Division and that I had sent them to [] with instructions to expedite publication.

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4. Met with General Morris, Mr. Meloon, and [] on several matters.

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In preparation for reimbursement to the Department of Defense for military personnel other than paramilitary, I suggested that our controls must be much tighter and that we adhere more strictly to the principle of employing civilians where possible (we all recognize that there are exceptional cases, such as Shef Edwards, Colonel [] and a few others, that we will have to take care of). We agreed that personnel actions should be written on military personnel just as they are for civilians, so that the Personnel Office will have an accurate record of where military people are and what they are doing (discussed this informally with [] a few days ago and he agrees with this principle). General Morris will have a paper coordinated and presented along these lines.

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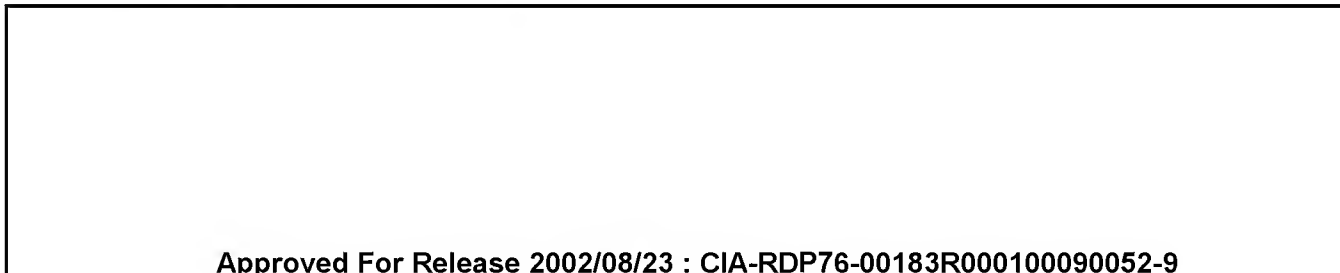
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Discussed difficulties in getting and keeping good doctors. The doctors that we can get are nearly all subject to the Doctors' Draft Act, and it is the opinion of the Medical Office and the Personnel Office that our only real solution lies in getting our doctors commissioned, which would necessitate providing for 20-25 military slots in the Medical Office. The Department of Defense has informally agreed that they will go along with this solution. I gave General Morris the green light to work it out with [] the Department of Defense.

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I instructed the Personnel Office to cooperate in every possible way with the Comptroller to insure that no military personnel draw duplicate allowances when they are on duty with us and also to cooperate in ascertaining those cases which now fall in this category.

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25X1 We also discussed the administration of the Revolving Fund maintained in the Military Personnel Division, and I emphasized that it must be properly administered in the future and that a directive to the AD/P to look into this matter would be forthcoming.

25X1A9A 5. [] pointed out to me that in reducing his T/O we had reduced it to 137, making our deductions from his on-duty strength rather than the ceiling strength. He pointed out that this would prohibit him from bringing on duty the few people that he does urgently need, and that he had understood that the deductions were to be made from his ceiling figure which would give him a T/O of 142 in lieu of 137. I approved this and will advise Messrs. Meloon and Saunders.

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10. [] called inquiring whether we had made a decision as to whether we should encourage [] to purchase the building they now rent. I told him I was reasonably sure that we would not wish to encourage such a move but that I would like to discuss with Mr. Wolf and would let him know tomorrow if possible.

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11. I went over a number of things with [] our Emergency Planning Officer.

Mr. V. Peterson, formerly Governor of Nebraska, and others on the White House Staff, including Mr. Hagerty, Press Secretary, were briefed last Thursday on Alert Planning. Mr. Ash of NSR, [] and others made the presentation. Governor Peterson has indicated a desire to see some of the emergency installations and will probably visit [] next week. [] and [] have been alerted, and I told [] that I would accompany him and Governor Peterson on this trip.

The plans, which were prepared in December, meeting the various kinds of emergencies have been delayed due to Federal Civil Defense Headquarters being uncertain as to whether the general public would be made aware of a yellow alert (this is when enemy planes are believed to be actually enroute but when they are not close enough to call a red alert). It has been decided that the general public will be made aware of a yellow alert. Our papers, therefore, can be put in final shape and disseminated. [] also questions what we should do in case of a yellow alert. I am sure that the proper thing to do is not to head [] unless our Headquarters' facilities are actually destroyed or damaged, and that we should sit tight in case of a yellow alert.

12. I agreed to undertake the preparation of a new succession list in view of the many changes that have been made since our last list was prepared. I will ask [] to do this.

13. I dispatched a letter to Mr. Ash, taking Mr. Peel off of the Committee on Alert Planning in view of the fact that [] is now sufficiently indoctrinated to carry on without Mr. Peel. I also advised Mr. Ash that Mr. Peel would be available in case they needed him at any time.

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I reviewed the proposed charter for the Commercial Division with Ernie and concurred in certain suggestions that he had to make. He will take back [] and ask him to resubmit when ready to have it concurred in.

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in the U. S. Army, from [] to Washington and return and to pay him per diem while here. Hasty investigation indicates that [] has already made the trip, 25X1A9A is about to complete training, and needs to get money from the Finance Division to get back. Apparently the Station [] advanced him money to pay for his 25X1 trip home. I see no reason why he could not have come on military transportation 25X1A9A and save the taxpayers this money. I have brought the case to [] attention and told him that we will not approve it here without further explanation and justification.

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16. [] telephoned to say that the FE Division did not concur in GRR having a T/O [] but rather wanted it all incorporated into their T/O 25X1A6A under the Senior Representative. I told [] that it was my feeling that 25X1A9A it would be far simpler to allow them to have their own T/O just as [] does. FOIAB3B1 There is no question about [] also being under the Senior Representative. FOIAB3B1 However, I told him to tell Mr. Wisner that we had no strong feelings about how this paper work was handled so long as it was agreeable to DD/P and DD/I. I know, however, that Mr. Becker feels very strongly about this and will put up quite a fight if they do not go along with his wishes.

17. Discussed with Ed Saunders and [] the Comptroller-Organization 25X1A9A and Methods relationship and will get Messrs. Saunders and Peel together some time soon to pursue this matter a little further.

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